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1. WE COULD ACCEPT EITHER FORMULATION PROPOSED BY DELEGATION IN PARA 16 OF REF A CONCERNING CONVENING OF REVIEW CONFERENCES SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST ONE. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY PREFER FIRST VERSION SUGGESTED BY DEL (I.E., ENABLING DEPOSITORY TO CONVENE REVCON AFTER 10 YEARS IF ONE-THIRD OF PARTIES CONCUR), SINCE THIS WOULD MINIMIZE RISKS OF VIRTUALLY AUTOMATIC SCHEDULING OF ADDITIONAL AND PERHAPS UNNECESSARY REVCONS. DEL SHOULD THEREFORE TRY TO GAIN GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS VERSION. (WE WOULD SUGGEST SLIGHT MODIFICATION OF LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY DEL TO REPLACE PHRASE "WHEN TEN YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE" WITH WORDS "WITHIN TEN YEARS OF.")

2. IF AGREEMENT ON ABOVE VERSION PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, DEL MAY AGREE TO VERSION UNDER WHICH EACH REVCON WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER AND WHEN NEXT ONE WILL BE HELD (AS IN SEABEDS CONVENTION). THIS VERSION SHOULD SPECIFY A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS BETWEEN REVCONS, IF POSSIBLE; IF NECESSARY, WE COULD ACCEPT THREE YEARS AS INDICATED REF B. DEL'S SUGGESTED FORMULATION IS ACCEPTABLE, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD SUGGEST

REPLACING PHRASE "SHALL NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE (FIVE) YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE PRIOR CONFERENCE" WITH WORDS "SHALL NOT BE CONVENED SOONER THAN (FIVE) YEARS AFTER THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE." ROBINSON

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